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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING GLASSES OR GLASS CERAMICS
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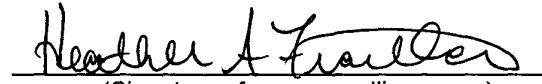
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